attention of Government for the past several years. The mantap was inspected about four months ago by the Executive Engineer of the Shimoga Division. It is prayed that early action may be taken for the preservation of this ancient monument from ruins.

Reply of Government.—Under consideration.

SUBJECT No. 530.

Restoration of the temple of Sri Venkataramanadevaru at Pillangere.

Mr. S. Sitaramaiya, Shimoga taluk.

Summary of discussion.—This temple is held in high reverence by the public. The structure was demolished some years ago, and has not yet been rebuilt. Work was commenced some time ago but was abruptly stopped. As sufficient funds are available at the credit of the institution, it is prayed that the work may be started and completed early.

Reply of Government.—The Public Works Department where the question is said to be pending will be asked to expedite.

SUBJECT No. 531.

Accommodation for the third class passengers at Birur.

Messrs. S. Sitaramaiya, Shimoga taluk; A. Narasimha Iyengar, Sagar taluk and K. Shankaranarayana Rao, Shimoga Municipality.

Summary of discussion.—The third class passengers who travel by the night train from Shimoga in the direction of Poona and *vice versa* are at present without any sort of shelter at the Birur station, being exposed to the tender mercies of the elements. This longstanding complaint may be kindly redressed early by the construction of a waiting room for the use of third class passengers at this station.

Reply of Government.—Will be referred to the Public Works Department (Railways) for necessary action.

SUBJECT No. 532.

Conveyance of merchandise and passanger traffic by the Manganese Light Railway between Shimoga and Choradi.

Mr. A. Narasimha Iyengar, Sagar taluk

Summary of discussion.—Arrangements may be made for the conveyance of general merchandise by means of the Manganese Light Railway from Choradi to Shimoga and *vice versa*, as the step will be very useful to promote trade in the malnad. Facilities may also be granted to the Company to convey passengers from Shimoga to Choradi.

Reply of Government.—Will be inquired into.

SUBJECT No. 533.

Re-establishment of the post office at Tavarekere.

Mr Nadig Appajaiya, Channagiri taluk.

Summary of discussion.—There was an old *anche* office at Tavarekere, and after amalgamation of the *anche* department with the postal department, a branch post office existed there till about two years ago. People of Tavarekere and other surrounding villages are now obliged to go every day to Bukkambudi either to post or to get their letters. This is found highly inconvenient by all business men. That one village postman can effectively deliver letters in 40 villages twice a week is an impossibility, and several letters are now returned as undelivered on the score of the addressees not being found. As Tavarekere is now rising in importance owing to the existence of a school, police station, forest office and depot

and a co-operative society, and is besides a union and the headquarters of the Ubrani hobli, early steps may be taken for the re-establishment of the branch post office at Tavarekere for the speedy despatch of Government mails and for affording facilities to the public.

Reply of Government.—Will be referred to the Deputy Commissioner.

SUBJECT No. 534.

Daily postal service to Anavatti.

Messrs. Nadig Bhistappa, Rama Rao and Nadig Swami Rao, Sorab taluk.

Summary of discussion.—As the postal mails are now running to Anavatti only thrice a week, much inconvenience is felt by the people of the place. As officials of the Revenue, Excise, Police and Forest departments have their headquarters at this place, the daily service of postal mails becomes very necessary for the despatch of urgent Government work. The old practice of daily service of postal mails may therefore be revived.

Reply of Government.—Will be referred to Deputy Commissioner.

CHITALDRUG DISTRICT.

(Nos. 535 to 549.)

SUBJECT No. 535.

Devarabelagere tank.

Mr. Srinivasa Rao, Chitaldrug District Board.

Summary of discussion.—After repeated representation and prayers, Government were pleased to investigate the project for a tank at Devarabelagere village in the Harihar sub-taluk. An estimate for Rs. 2,80,000 was prepared by the Public Works Department and the project has been ordered to be taken up as a relief work. The work is likely to yield to Government a sum of Rs. 10,000 annually by wet assessment. The tank will be a boon in the dry parts of Harihar where there is no large tank. It is therefore requested that the work may be taken in hand immediately.

Reply of Government.—Will be considered.

SUBJECT No. 536.

Agricultural farm at Harihar, Davangere and in each District Headquarters.

Messrs. Chennabasiah, Harihar Municipality, Srinivasa Rao, Chitaldrug District Board, Govindappa, Doggali Basavannappa, Davangere taluk; Ramappa, Challakere taluk, and J. Subba Rao, Krishisilpabhivridhika Samaj, Chitaldrug.

Summary of discussion.—An agricultural farm may be established at Harihar, Davangere and in each district headquarter to experiment upon the method of cultivating different kinds of cotton that the people may adopt and for teaching improved methods of agriculture.

Reply of Government.—The question of starting an experimental farm for cotton cultivation in the Chitaldrug District is under consideration.

SUBJECT No. 537.

Annual cattle show and exhibition at Harihar.

Mr. Srinivasa Rao, District Board, Chitaldrug.

Summary of discussion.—In connection with the Sangameswaraswami Jatra at Harihar, a cattle show was organized and held during the last three years. In one year an Agricultural Exhibition was also held. In view